

REMARKS:

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of September 9, 2004, and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

THE DRAWING

The Examiner objects to the drawing for failing to show numeral 20. A replacement Fig. 1 is submitted herewith in which numeral 20 has been added to overcome the Examiner's objection.

CLAIM REJECTION

Claim 1 is objected to for lack of the indefinite article "a" to introduce various elements.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 on Ganter.

CLAIM ACTION

Claim 1 has been canceled and claims 2-11 have been submitted in replacement therefor.

The claims avoid the formal objection raised by the Examiner and are deemed to be clearly distinguished from Ganter and the other cited art.

In this regard, the present invention is directed to a satellite-type printing press having a common pressure cylinder of relatively large diameter supported by a pair of side frames. A plurality of circumferentially spaced satellite printing units are arranged around the common pressure cylinder. A common installation portion 34 extends between the side frames at a position between two adjacent satellite printing units. The invention is characterized in that the

IN THE DRAWINGS:

A replacement sheet for Fig. 1 is enclosed in which omitted numeral 20 has been added.

common installation portion has an open bottom facing the outer surfaces of the common pressure cylinder so that an auxiliary printing unit can be placed in the common installation portion and cooperate with the outer surface of the common pressure cylinder to carry out a further print operation such as further satellite printing, sheet perfection or the like. The side frames are provided with cut-outs to accommodate the common installation portion.

The concept of providing access to a selected portion of the common pressure cylinder through an open bottom of the common installation portion in which the auxiliary printing unit is received to cooperate with said portion of the common pressure cylinder is unknown in the cited art.

Ganter which is cited by the Examiner in rejecting claim 1 is not relevant to the claimed invention and does not support the Examiner's basis for rejecting claim 1. Ganter is not related to satellite-type printing and discloses a decorative printing unit which follows normal printing. The decorative printing unit is adjustably mounted on cross member 13 transversely supported between the side walls. Ganter fails to show common installation portion 34 in which is contained an auxiliary printing unit for acting on the common pressure cylinder through an open bottom of the installation portion 34 which itself is mounted in cut-outs in the side frames. Also lacking in Ganter and the other cited art is the feature that the installation portion 34 is placed between two adjacent satellite printing units and participates in the printing operation. There is no teaching in the art of a separate enclosure for the auxiliary printing unit as provided by installation portion 34 in an intermediary part of the satellite printing operation.

By reason of the above action and comments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now presented are in allowable condition and favorable reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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